

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Sergio BELLI et al.)
Serial No.: Not yet assigned) Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: January 29, 2002) Examiner: Not yet assigned
For: ELECTRICAL CABLE WITH SELF-)
REPAIRING PROTECTION)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND
REQUEST THAT AN INTERFERENCE BE DECLARED**

Prior to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend this
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 1, and add new claims 55-73, as
follows:

55. (new) An electrical cable consisting essentially of a conductor, a layer of insulation
around said conductor and a material flowable at about 25° C. between the conductor and the
layer of insulation which provides self-sealing properties to the cable, wherein said material is a
dielectric and has capacity, upon creation of discontinuity in the layer of insulation, of

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